## Office of the Clerk UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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## BIENNIAL ATTORNEY ADMISSION REGISTRATION FEE

Dear Northern District Bar Member:

The Northern District's Local Rules¹ of Practice include a provision requiring all permanent, active members of the Northern District Bar to pay a \$30.00 biennial registration fee. (See Local Rule 83.1(a)5.) The registration fee will be deposited in the District Court Attorney Admission Fund in accordance with L.R. 83.1(a)5 and General Order #8. The fund will be used for expenses which will benefit the bench and bar in the administration of justice. Examples of such expenses include furnishing attorney conference rooms at each of our courthouse locations, providing Internet access for the bar in the Court's electronic courtrooms, funding CLE programs for the bar, and funding disbursement costs in pro bono matters.

Communication with attorneys is done via email at the address that is registered with the Court as part of their Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) account. Failure to keep your email address current will result in the Court not being able to serve you with notices, orders and documents filed by other parties in actions.

PLEASE NOTE: If your physical office address changes, you must complete the electronic form promptly so that we may update our database. (See Local Rule 83.1(e)) This is an electronic form and is available at the Court's website,

http://www.nynd.uscourts.gov/e-filingregistration

The Northern District of New York collects fees by credit card electronically through the use of Pay.Gov. The 2007 biennial fee will be collected by credit card through the use of Pay.Gov. To submit your 2007 biennial fee payment, please follow the instructions attached:

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.1(5) failure to remit this fee by July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 will result in your name being removed from the active rolls of this Court. You will receive a Pay.Gov receipt upon completion of the docket entry. If you have a question concerning the Biennial Attorney Registration, please phone (315) 234-8686.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The \$30.00 registration fee is waived for all attorneys employed by the United States Government as well as all state and local public sector entities. See L.R. 83.1(a)5. Attorneys admitted in calendar year 2007 are also exempt from the 2007 biennial fee.

**Note**: The Northern District of New York is an electronic filing Court. The electronic filing system known as CM/ECF has been in use since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 and is <u>mandatory</u> for all members of the Northern District Bar. General Order #22 - covers the Administrative Guidelines which set forth the procedures for electronic filing in the Northern District. My office offers extensive support and training to the members of the Northern District Bar on the use of this very exciting technology. Classes on the use of CM/ECF are available at each of our staffed offices in Albany, Binghamton, Utica and Syracuse. Attorneys attending one of the CM/ECF Court sponsored training programs will receive two hours of CLE credit.

For additional information on the Court's CM/ECF Program, class schedules and locations, please visit our website at <a href="www.nynd.uscourts.gov">www.nynd.uscourts.gov</a> and click on the link for CM/ECF. Our website also contains copies of the Court's Local Rules, General Orders, forms, and general office and resource information.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Clerk of Court